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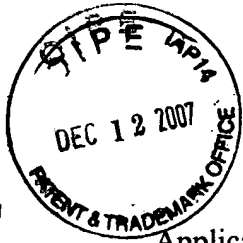
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2007, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on December 10, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims and to further examine the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.